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A GREAT LEADER PASSES

IN the sudden death of Harry McAllister Peacock on October 29, the Y.M.C.A. movement of Canada lost one of its outstanding leaders and most devoted friends. His first connection with the Young Men's Christian Association was in Montreal in 1902, where he became a member of the Leaders Corps. Later, while residing in Moose Jaw, Sask., he gave voluntary service as physical director of the Association in that community, from 1905 to 1908. On coming to Toronto he identified himself with the Association and became chairman of the physical department of Central. Later, when the present buildings were being erected, Mr. Peacock served for a time as a secretary with special relation to construction and furnishing. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Governors of the Toronto Association, where for several years he had served as chairman of the Finance Committee. His major responsibility was as chairman of the General Executive Committee of the National Council.

H. M. Peacock

Mr. Peacock held a leading place among the business executives of Toronto and was greatly respected by his associates in financial circles. In 1913 he became connected with Messrs. A. E. Ames & Company, Ltd., Investment Bankers, and was later appointed Sales Manager, and also invited to become a director of the firm. In addition, he served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Investment Bankers Association.

The two extracts which follow are from the beautiful funeral service conducted by his minister, Rev. W. G. Back, St. George's United Church, at which hundreds of his friends and fellow citizens assembled to pay tribute to his memory:

"We have gathered together this afternoon, not altogether in sorrow nor overmastering melancholy. Our hearts are sore, we have lost a friend; they are lonely, we have lost a fellow pilgrim by the way. But we are not at the end of things. We are not conceding a victory to the grave. Our friend has not gone down to defeat by death. He has lived and conquered; his manhood, character and the loveliness of his being bear testimony to the fact that the world has not overcome him."

(Prayer) "We thank Thee for his simple and unpretentious ways; for his human appeal; for his response to every cry; for his readiness in heart and in hand and in lips; for the joy that he took in ministering to others and planning for others. We thank Thee for the catholicity of his sympathy—that his neighbor meant to him not those within his immediate reach but all mankind everywhere. We thank Thee for his genuine sympathy in the young men of this and every land; for the prayers that he made on their behalf; for the efforts that were his that their manhood might become ever more beautiful; for the sacrifice of wealth and talent; and for all his efforts that the youth of this and all lands might grow up into the full beauty and loveliness of the greatest of all young men, our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ."

The following resolution was adopted by the General Executive Committee of the National Council:

"The General Executive Committee on behalf of the membership of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada desires to express its deep sense of loss in the sudden death of our Chairman and friend, Mr. H. M. Peacock.

"His genial but dynamic personality, his intimate knowledge of every phase of Y.M.C.A. work, his devoted and tireless service, and the esteem in which he was held in the business world, made him an ideal Chairman of our Executive. We cannot overstate the seriousness of his loss to the Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada.

"We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Peacock and to all the members of his family in their irreparable loss."

"This is the Happy Warrior; this is He
That every Man in arms should wish to be."

The Toronto District Parley of The National Council

CRITICAL local Association situations; our opportunity and responsibility in the light of present widespread unemployment conditions; development of lay leadership in work with boys; the meanings for us of the world Association gatherings held in North America during the past summer;—these were some of the urgent matters considered at a recent National Council "Parley" held in the Granite Club, Toronto. Forty-six lay and secretarial members of the Council and its staff living in Toronto or nearby, attended.

Mr. Harry Peacock presided. Reports were made by Mr. Harold R. Frost on the World Conference held at Cleveland, and by Mr. N. McNeely on the Young Men's Assembly.

In reporting the Third World Assembly of Workers with Boys, Mr. Russell G. Dingman (its chairman, and also chairman-elect of the Committee on work with boys of the World Alliance of Y.M.C.A.'s) stirred up a spirited discussion. Commenting on the report, Mr. Taylor Statten, Chairman of the National Boys' Work Committee, remarked that in comparison with some other organizations there is a serious failure to enlist strong, active lay leadership to carry responsibility for what lies at the very heart of our Association's future life, its work with boys. There was much, pro and con, on this, but general agreement that real emphasis on boys' work will draw to the Association strong lay leadership.

Reference to the proposal to give identical status to both sexes in the Association, and discussion about the relation of the Association Movement to present day social problems, were included in the account of the forty-third International Convention given by the Chairman of the Convention, Mr. E. G. Baker.

"Major emergencies facing the Canadian Movement" was the way Mr. Harry Ballantyne characterized the very critical condition of a half dozen local Associations. The Parley was gripped by this statement and secured the appointment of a lay committee (of which Mr. J. A. Tory is chairman) to make these local situations its special concern.

"Our Retirement plan has brought problems as well as solved them", said Mr. J. W. Hopkins, in an address on "Secretarial Circulation". "Some Associations are suffering from stagnation permitted or caused by tenacious secretarial inadequacy. Can we not do something about it?"

National Council finances were reviewed by the Treasurer, Mr. Chas. Bauckham, who stated that as a result of considerable reduction in income from local Association allotments, the National Council were faced with a serious problem in attempting to balance their budget this year.

Equal in importance to the Association's field of service among enlisted men during the war, but much more difficult partly because of the lack of a unified national morale, is the present widespread unemployment situation. Mr. W. H. Scott introduced this topic for discussion and reported the organization of our National Emergency Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas Bradshaw. Reference was made to detailed suggestions on policy and program printed in the September issue of The News Bulletin.

Two addresses of great interest closed the conference. Mr. Leonard Dixon, recently returned from Association service in India, and now secretary of the S.C.A. of the University of Toronto, emphasized the pre-eminence of the "C" in our name,—God is revealed in Jesus; in Jesus is transformation for society; the application of His teachings in all relations of life is imperative. Dr. W. R. Taylor of University College, Toronto, reminded us that there have been crises in the world's history before and humanity has always come through them—but not however, on a basis of drift. He challenged the Associations to make the resolutions of our world gatherings which bear on the problems of our modern social structure effective through personal study and prayer, group study, forum discussion, and the initiation of action.

Montreal and Sherbrooke District Parley of The National Council

A PARLEY similar to that held in Toronto took place in the new Central building of the Montreal Association, on the afternoon and evening of November 9th, and was attended by some sixty directors and friends of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Rufus C. Holden, Vice-President of the Montreal Association, presided.

The conference opened with a review of the present status of the Y.M.C.A. in Canada, which was made by Mr. R. E. G. Davis, Secretary of the Personnel Division. He called attention to the vitality of the work in many centers in spite of untoward conditions, but also emphasized the critical situation in a number of others. The future of the movement, as was brought out clearly in the discussion, is dependent more than anything else upon the quality of our secretarial leadership. Local Associations must come to see this and be willing to pay the price to secure it.

The second topic was "The Foreign Work and the Crisis in Missions," which was presented by Mr. E. G. Baker of Toronto, a member of the new committee of seven now in control of the foreign work. Mr. Baker described the plan for the stabilization of the foreign work and the program being made in the enlistment of outstanding laymen to serve on the reconstructed International Committee.

Mr. Ernest Trueman opened the evening session with a comprehensive summary of the work undertaken by the Montreal Y.M.C.A. with regard to unemployment. In addition to the assistance offered in various ways to its unemployed members, the Montreal Association is co-operating actively with the Council of Social Agencies in the following ways: In the operation of a registration bureau for office workers; a city-wide recreation program in which a downtown building is used as a social center; and a city-wide service for unemployed boys, including registration, recreation, and it is hoped a definite educational program.

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Encouraging News from the Field

Calgary, Alta.

The Calgary Association held its annual canvass for funds recently and secured $17,166 out of $25,000 objective. The latter figure included $6,000 to cover a deficit carried over from last year, so that the amount secured will, it is expected, be enough, barring serious falling off in receipts, to cover operating expenses for the present year.

Fort William, Ont.

During the past year the Fort William Association has been facing serious financial difficulties and for a time in the spring it seemed likely that the building would be closed. Recent months, however, have seen a decided change, due largely to the vigorous and devoted leadership of the president, Mr. J. A. Campbell. A successful campaign was held October 13-16, which enlisted the support of leading citizens, and in four days reached a total of $5,700 out of $6,000 objective. The general feeling now is that the worst is over and that the Association at the present time enjoys a fuller measure of public confidence than it has at any time in recent years.

Halifax, N.S.

The fall program in the Association is in full swing and there is evidence of sustained interest both among members and in the community. A Y's Men's Club is being organized at the present time with a strong list of prospects in view. The only point at which income has been affected by business conditions is in the dormitory, where there has been a small falling off.

Lethbridge, Alta.

At a citizens meeting held September 25th it was unanimously decided to re-establish the Y.M.C.A. in Lethbridge. A provisional board has been formed and Mr. H. S. Sneyd, formerly one of our Canadian secretaries in Japan, left October 21st to assist in the work of reorganization. Mr. Sneyd is being loaned to Lethbridge.

London, Ont.

The joint financial Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. current expense campaign has just concluded and the amount of approximately $23,000 was secured, which is in excess of last year's results. The prospect is that $3,000 or $4,000 more will be secured and, while this will not meet the total requirements, it is a better record than in 1930 and is therefore very encouraging as the general business conditions were much worse than at that time. The organization to secure the fund was a first clsas one, with splendid lay leadership all along the line, and the spirit in which the effort was carried on was heartening to all concerned.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

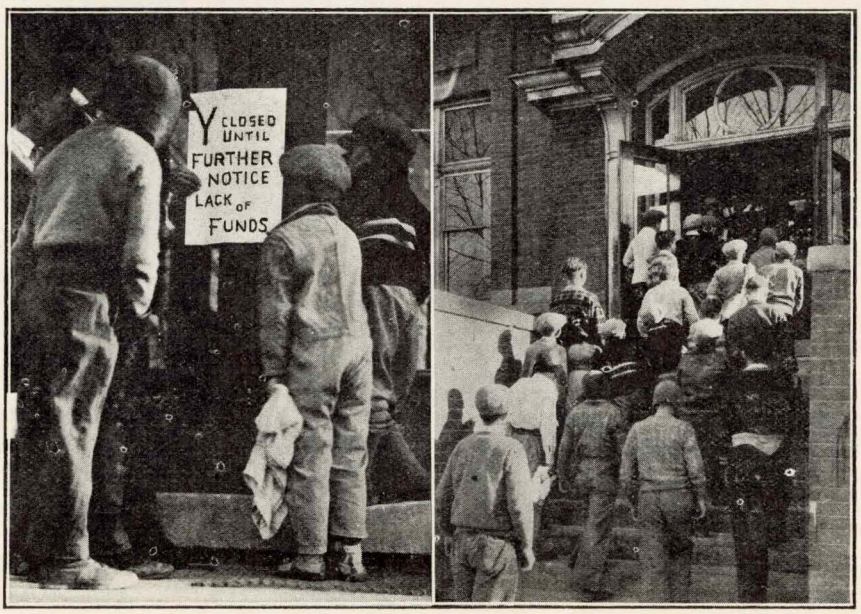
Three years of drought and crop failure have had a serious effect upon the Association in Moose Jaw, and early in the year there was a question whether, with falling revenues and increasing liabilities, it would be possible to carry on. In view of these facts it is very gratifying to be able to announce that the Association, in its financial campaign held early in October, exceeded the objective of $5,000. The total amount secured was $5,700 as against $3,600 in 1930. The credit for this remarkable success is due to the sacrificial giving of a number of the directors and close friends of the Association, notably the president, Mr. Thos. Miller, and the persistent and skilful leadership of the general secretary, Mr. Glenesk.

Peterborough, Ont.

On October 12th Peterborough celebrated the opening of their new building. The Association was fortunate in choosing the high tide of prosperity to raise $125,000 to re-furnish the old building and make a large addition. They now have a complete and modern equipment. Addresses were given by Mr. T. F. Matthews and Dr. E. M. Best, both of whom were former members of the Board of Directors. The support which this Association is receiving from all sections of the community is a testimony to the quiet but efficient work of the staff and the sound leadership of the Board of Directors under President W. W. Richards.

Regina, Sask.

Like Moose Jaw, Regina is situated in the heart of the drought area and has been facing difficult times. With mounting losses in membership and dormitory receipts, the situation was becoming critical, but neither Mr. Kingerley nor the directors had any doubt that the Association would come through. No one, however, expected the magnificent success met with in the financial campaign, held the week of November 9th, under the leadership of Mr. Harold F. Thomson, K.C., which, with $10,000, succeeded in four days in rolling up a grand total of $10,500 —$6,000 of it in cash. A wire from Mr. King-



WHICH WILL IT BE FOR OUR BOYS?
PHOTOS USED IN LETHBRIDGE CAMPAIGN

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Using World Assembly Recommendations

Action by Local Associations

OUR recent world gatherings produced extremely valuable suggestions for local Association program. Perhaps never has a religious movement of such wide scope and embracing such diverse points of view and forms of action issued such clear-cut, timely and challenging statements and recommendations. How can this material be used to strengthen and enrich ongoing local program?

First, of course, every leader, lay or professional, who is responsible for any phase of activity will want to know what these statements and resolutions are, particularly as they may touch his own immediate Association interests. The enlarged September News Bulletin is brimful with only the most significant urgent provocative and vitally important items, those which may affect Canadian Association purpose and practice. Demand for this issue necessitated a reprinting and copies in quantity are again available at ten dollars a hundred. This is excellent material for use among directors, chairmen of committees, leaders, members, clubs, interested friends and supporters in the community and the press—don't forget the press.

Second, delegates to any of the Assemblies will have interesting accounts to give. These reports can be made to membership meetings, special club groups, boards of directors, in high schools and pulpits. Some of the most stimulating reports have been given by older boy delegates. If no delegate attended from your community, there may be one near who would be glad to bring first-hand impressions to your Association. A complete list of delegates may be had from the National Council.

Third, consider implications. Several kinds of discussion material are to be found in the Assembly reports.

Our Social Creed There are a number of statements on the fundamental principles which should apply in such problems of human relationships as are ever emerging in international, industrial and interracial affairs. Some of these statements are controversial. They are excellent for stimulating thought and discussion. They may lead to the serious consideration of group purposes and personal philosophies of life. One such is the call to youth (to be found on page 2 of the September News Bulletin), another statement upholds the principle of cooperation for the common good as a motive in industry instead of unrestricted competition for private gain (page 3). Still another affirms that patience without effort towards improvement is unchristian (page 4-11). There are many others.

The Y.M.C.A. Takes a Stand Then there are also general pronouncements about the relationships, purposes, functions, opportunities and obligations of the Association movement in the world today. Such are its responsibility toward disarmament (pp. 3, 12), its conviction about war guilt (p. 3-11), its obligation toward developing Christian public opinion (p. 4), and others.

The Need of an Open Platform Many resolutons are directed toward definite action in some of these great areas of human difficulty. They call upon Associations everywhere, for instance, to maintain an open forum for the public discussion of social and economic questions (p. 4), to carry forward an educational program on racial understanding (p. 5), to take action with a view to relieving unemployment (p. 5).

Putting Our Own House in Order Problems of Associations in their customary practices are also dealt with in resolutions and specific recommendations. Leadership: Older boys and young men should be given more important place in the processes of legislation and control (p. 5). Membership: Admission should be by some other test than payment of a fee (p. 6). Young Men's Work: The cultural heritage of the race in literature, music, drama, ... must be . . . . resources for the spiritual growth of young men (p. 6). Work with Boys: Make possible full participation in Association program without discrimination as to race, color or nationality (p. 7).

It will be noted throughout that these statements can be considered in the light of their implications for individual Christians, for Association members, for responsible committees and boards, for clubs and groups, and for executive and program staff officers.

Ways of Using Material One way would be for an executive secretary to select certain pronouncements or recommendations for consideration by certain groups or individuals. He would be guided in his selection—(1) by his knowledge of local interests and problems, (2) by the importance of the life of his Association, (3) by the importance generally of the question, (4) by the urgency of the problem (i.e. disarmament conference, unemployment), (5) by the interests, attitudes, and experience of the individual or group from whom consideration is expected. Then he would secure the desired study and the resulting suggestions.

Another way would be for a staff to make this material the basis of staff or committee meeting discussions with a view to relating it in a practical way to the program of the Association. The members of an important local Association Committee were introduced at a meeting to a fraction of the material. They agreed to spend an evening together on it. As preparation, each member will read the Bulletin through, will mark those passages which in his opinion have significance for the work of the committee, and will come prepared to discuss how they may be made effective in its work.

Still another method would contribute from this material topics for addresses, debates, discussions in group and club programs. There are live issues enough suggested to keep the forum going all season.

A number of the resolutions lend themselves to effective use in corporate worship. Two stimulating services of worship at Lake Couchiching were built around world assembly statements. Copies can be had from the National

Council. They can be used in board meetings, conferences, Y's Men's Clubs, Hi-Y Clubs, and other groups.

Daily newspapers may not now consider actions of Assemblies held last July and August to be news but actual consideration of any of these proposals and action taken on it by any Association group tonight is news for the paper tomorrow. Reports to the press of this sort can be made to include valuable educational material on the subjects discussed.

Does it Matter? In considering the implications one main question may be asked: What difference would it make? Two questions grow out of this one: What effect would acceptance of this principle, or resolution, or recommendation have upon the purposes or aims or fundamental objectives of the Association, or committee, or group, or individual member? How is it to be interpreted in activity; what change or intensification will it demand in program; what actions involved? Detailed suggestions for consideration of specific items will be found on page 13 of the September Bulletin.

Where interest is aroused more information may be required for wise decisions than is included in the text of the resolutions. Many of the booklets prepared by the World Alliance for preliminary study of the issues dealt with in the world gatherings furnish excellent background for understanding these questions. They, too, may be had from the National Council.

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What Local Associations are Doing

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, conducted a Youth Conference. The program was centered around the place of youth in a Christian social order; the topics included: leisure time activities, boy and girl relationships, world fellowship, and disarmament.

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IN HALIFAX reports of delagates were given at various meetings. The staff used the religious emphasis resolutions as a yardstick against their present program. World-brotherhood week gave right-of-way to the issues of the foreign week. A young men's conference discussed leadership, use of leisure time, and home building issues.

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THE SAINT JOHN STAFF studied the resolution on "Religious Emphasis" with the view to applying it to their program practices. The Y's Men's Club executive discussed the meaning of the international and interracial resolutions.

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THE MARITIME LEADERS CONFERENCE, with representatives from Halifax, Charlottetown, Moncton, and Saint John, was held in Saint John, September 26-27, and had as its theme "The World Conferences and Their Significance to Leaders". Reports and inspirational addresses centering in this theme were given by Mr. Douglas Angevine, delegate to the Young Men's Conference, by Mr. A. M. Gregg, General Secretary of the Saint John Association, and by Mr. F. B. Watson, General Secretary of the Moncton Associatiton. "The World's Conferences and Physical Education" was dealt with by Mr. J. W. McVicar, Physical Director of the Saint John Association.

THE Y's MEN'S CLUB OF SHERBROOKE invited members of the Board of Directors to a weekly meeting at which the address was about the World Assemblies. This club also has ordered a quantity of News Bulletins for the use of members interested in relating present-day issues to the work of their club.

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IN MONTREAL, during a city-wide conference of older boys and young men, reports were given by delegates to the World Assemblies in Toronto. Some of the issues referred to, such as disarmament, were discussed in conference groups. The South-western Branch immediately followed this up with a Sunday evening consideration, by leading older boys, of how best to relate these conference discussions to the season's program of their clubs.

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IN KINGSTON a staff and committeemen's conference, after receiving delegates' reports, reviewed the report of the World Conferences and made definite recommendations for appropriate action to the Board of Directors and other Committees.

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THE OTTAWA ASSOCIATION conducted a week-end Young Men's Conference at which forty young men and their leaders received the reports of delegates and discussed their significance for the Ottawa Association's program. The following decisions were made: To refer the whole question of Bible study to the religious work committee for re-study and action; To recommend to the Board of

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Received by the National Council

"We are about to land on the other side of the Atlantic after a restful and pleasant voyage. Our full and inspiring days in Toronto and Cleveland still constitute the principal topic of conversation. During these days of quiet we have come to realize more fully the significance of the Conferences, and to appreciate the efforts which you, the Canadian Movement and the Toronto Committee put forth to make them so effective. May we therefore take this last opportunity before finally breaking up our period of international fellowship, to express to you and them our deep gratitude, and to assure you that our experiences will not only be treasured but will be used in the great Christian enterprise which we are carrying forward with you."

Signed by the delegates of:

Bulgaria	Poland	France
Egypt	Russia	Hungary
Estonia	Switzerland	Italy
Greece	Czechoslovakia	Latvia
India	England and	Roumania
Jugoslavia	Wales	Sweden

"The object of my letter is to express, on behalf of my Committee, our thanks for the unparalleled kindness and generosity which was shown by you and all the Canadian fraternity towards our secretaries and boys. Some of the older men had previously experienced that generosity that characterises Canada, but to the boys it came as one of the most charming revelations of their youth, and will, I am convinced, make a lasting impression on their lives."

CHARLES E. HEALD,
English National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s

Directors that a young man be appointed to the Board of Directors' Committee on unemployment; To take steps to enrich the program and realize more fully its Christian character values.

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TWENTY ONTARIO ASSOCIATIONS had 165 young men and their leaders in attendance at St. Catharines on October 3-4. Professor John Line of Victoria College gave the keynote address on "Christianity and Modern Society." The purpose of the Conference was to bring the decision of the World Conferences before this representative group of young men and through discussion to gain a better understanding of their meaning leading to suggested forms of action in their personal lives and in their Associations.

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DISARMAMENT EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS were held in some Association centers. The Toronto meeting was held in Massey Hall under the auspices of a committee representative of church bodies, labor and the Y.M.C.A. A considerable amount of time was given to this meeting by secretaries of the National Council and the Toronto Y.M.C.A.

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THE TORONTO CENTRAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE devoted a page of their eight-page fall promotion folder to quoting actual resolutions of the World Conference referring to physical work, unemployment, and the public discussion of social and economic questions.

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AT HAMILTON a special meeting of the Boys' Work Committee was called to hear about the World Assemblies. After a brief account, it was unanimously agreed that a whole evening should be devoted to further consideration, each member, in preparation, being asked to read the account given in the September News Bulletin, to mark those pages which seemed to him to have any bearing on the purposes or program of the Committee, and to come to the meeting ready to report and discuss his suggestions.

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THE ST. CATHARINES Y's MEN'S CLUB invited a member of the National Council staff to address them on the work of the World gatherings. As a result of interest thus aroused they ordered thirty copies of the News Bulletin for September with a view to having each member read it to discover important issues facing the Association which might be made the basis of future club program addresses and dicussions.

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IN ST. CATHARINES and KINGSTON, over the week-end of November 21-22, conferences of older high school and employed boys were held, at which the discussion centered around the World Conference Reports. In St. Catharines representatives were present from Hamilton, Niagara Falls, and Wentworth County, and in Kingston from Ottawa and Belleville.

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IN CALGARY a young men's conference heard the reports of delegates and spent two evenings discussing the recommendations made at the World Assembly meetings. This conference was preceded by a week-end party of leaders at Camp Beaufort, where these issues were also discussed.

AT NEW WESTMINSTER reports of World Conferences proceedings were given to Rotary, Kiwanis, and large church groups. Plans are under way to use conference materials in older boys' and young men's clubs.

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THE VANCOUVER DELEGATES made reports to the various membership groups and the possible uses of the resolutions are being considered for the whole program.

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL has issued the September News Bulletin which includes the important resolutions of the recent world events. It has also sent out special circulars urging that consideration be given to making these suggested lines of action effective locally and announced sources of various helpful materials. Further reports of results will be very acceptable and will be used in the next issue of the Bulletin.

National Council Parley

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"The Function of the National Council—what it does and why it merits support" was dealt with by Mr. Chas. Bauckham. While the support of the National Council comes largely through allotments accepted by local Associations, Mr. Bauckham emphasized the need for a number of individual subscribers who would help give the budget the flexibility it needs to meet emergency conditions.

The Social Economic Resolutions of Cleveland were dealt with by Professor J. King Gordon, who occupies the chair of Christian Ethics in the United Theological College at Montreal. Mr. Gordon, although a new-comer to Montreal, has been in touch with the Y.M.C.A. in Winnipeg and New York, and gave evidence in his remarks of a knowledge and appreciation of the work of the Association. Referring to the present economic crisis, he warned against the danger of allowing our relief program for the unemployed to turn us aside from the deeper problem of helping to reconstruct the social order. "Only less disastrous" he declared, "than the situation today would be a return to the prosperity of 1929."

The conference closed with a stirring address by Dr. E. M. Best, the new General Secretary of the National Council, on the subject "How can we find the power to meet the needs of today?" Dr. Best pointed out four sources of power open to the Association: 1. Power in more clearly defined objectives. 2. Power in more effective methods of work. 3. Power in more adequate leadership—both lay and secretarial. 4. Power in fellowship with Jesus Christ.

Ottawa Parley of the National Council

On Monday, November 16, a parley in the interests of the National Council was held in the Ottawa Association, which was attended by some thirty-five laymen interested in the Association. Mr. T. E. Clendinnen, President of the Ottawa Association, presided, and addresses on subjects similar to those presented at Toronto and Montreal were given by Mr. Jose A. Machado, Dr. E. M. Best, Mr. R. E. G. Davis, and Mr. Walter Joynt, one of the boy delegates from Ottawa to the World Assemblies.

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erley announcing the result states "the achievement under adverse conditions is regarded as phenomenal as the cyclone drive four years ago—we are exceedingly grateful."

Saint John, N.B.

A bequest of $1,000 is announced following upon one of $5,000 received last spring. The dormitories have a waiting list for the first time in years, and record attendances are reported in the various program activities. The Leaders Corps in three sections has a membership of sixty, as announced at its annual banquet recently.

St. John's, Nfld.

Conditions recently in St. John's had reached such a pass that the board of governors of the Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. felt they had no alternative but to close the building, temporarily at least, until times improved. Mr. Otter and Mrs. Foster of the National Council staffs of the two organizations went down the middle of October to give what help they could. The report recently received is very encouraging. A careful study of the budget has revealed the possibility of greatly reducing the anticipated deficit for the year ending April 1, 1931, and this relief, together with the generous promise of a substantial contribution from the Grenfell Association (which owns the building) in a letter from Mr. Machado, the president, so encouraged the Board that they reversed their earlier decision and are now confident the work can be continued.

Personal

Wallace Forgie is now en route back to India for another term of service among the boys of that country. Wallie visited a number of cities between Montreal and London and touched most Western cities before sailing from Vancouver. Letters from many cities indicate that his messages were warmly received not only by groups of boys but by service clubs and directors.

Leonard Dixon is busy in his new work as Secretary of the Student Christian Association of Toronto University. He has been elected a Director of Toronto West End Association, which has carried his budget for years.

A. C. Bunce, our Agricultural Secretary in Korea, writes about the riots between Chinese and Koreans, and gives an instance of the Korean Y Secretary doing a remarkable piece of service in preventing bloodshed. Mr. Bunce ends the story with these significant words: "We are out here to develop just this kind of Christian Character".

Ernest Taylor writes from Amoy that he is busy with the students of Amoy University and with the underprivileged boys of the city.

Sherwood Eddy, for many years a Y.M.C.A. Secretary, is in China, where he is conducting evangelistic campaigns. He reports a very deep interest. He declares, as in years past, his conviction that in Jesus Christ is China's hope.

Financial

One man, whose interest for many years past has been measured by a contribution of $10.00, after listening recently to the story of how the national life of India is being influenced by Association leaders, wrote his cheque for $100. A number of new subscriptions have been recorded and a great many old contributors are continuing their usual amounts, though denying themselves personal pleasures to do so. The total amount of cash received at the National Council office up to November 1st was $16,716 as compared with $17,029 on November 1st last year, and 1931 cash and pledges total $28,353 as compared with about $25,000 at the same time in 1930. Our 1931 objective has been $64,500 (the amount actually received in 1930). These are difficult times; but it is amazing how many people have money for the things they are interested in.

The one bit of advice from the Secretary to the Foreign Work Committees and the General Secretaries is this: "See your man personally, tell your story, and count on results."

FORUMS

One of the important recommendations of the recent World Assemblies related to the responsibility resting upon the Association to conduct a vigorous program of popular education on social and economic questions among Association members, by means of forums, conferences, and study groups. In view of this recommendation special interest attaches to the following program of noon hour lunch addresses to be given shortly under the auspices of the Y's Men's Club of the Ottawa Y.M.C.A.:

Not, Who Won, But Who Pays for the Great War?
The Economic aftermath of the war, including armaments.

Will Man Survive Against the Robot?
The Machine age, its development, and major helpful and harmful results.

Our Financial Structure.
Our banking system, the gold standard, etc.

Why Aren't There Jobs Enough To Go Around?
The unemployment situation, production, distribution.

Learning to Live Together.
Public ownership, social insurance, cooperatives, etc.

Can Any League of Nations Function?
International cooperative movements, The League, World Court, International Bank, etc.—accomplishments and future.

What Has Socialism to Offer, or Communism?

What Contribution Can Christianity Make for a Better Social and Economic Order?

A similar series of sixteen forum meetings under the general topic "The Economic Crisis" is being conducted on Sunday afternoons by the Southwestern Y.M.C.A., Montreal.

Books on Unemployment and Disarmament

A number of requests have been received for suggestions regarding books that might be used in discussion groups, forums, conferences, etc., which are being organized by local Associations, to study the above question. The following list has been prepared with this end specially in mind but will also be found useful by any Association leader who desires to be informed on these matters:

Toward a New Economic Society—Association Press, pamphlet 15c.

An excellent guide to group discussion of the present economic order and how it can be made more Christian. Prepared for students but adaptable .to other groups Contains an excellent selected bibliography.

National Defense—Kirby Page, Association Press, pamphlet 15c.

This little book should be read by everyone interested in the cause of world peace. It examines the causes of the great war and indicates the extent to which these same forces are active at the present time.

The Challenge of Russia—Sherwood Eddy, Association Press, pamphlet 15c.

This is a reprint containing the essential parts of Eddy's larger book on the same subject.

Unemployment—H. S. Elliott, and others, Association Press, pamphlet 35c.

An excellent discussion outline with twenty pages of source material and a well selected bibliography.

This Unemployment—V. A. Demant, Student Christian Movement Press, London, $1.00.

A world view by a competent Britisher with a firm grasp of the ethical and economic factors involved in the present situation.

The New Russia Primer—Ilin, Houghton-Mifflin, $1.75.

A brilliant exposition of the five-year plan, written by an engineer for the school children of Russia.

The Challenge of the East—Sherwood Eddy, Farrar & Rinehart, $3.50.

Vivid, forthright, and fearless, in Eddy's best style. Deals with India, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Turkey, and Palestine.

The World's Economic Dilemma—E. M. Patterson, McGraw-Hill, $3.50.

One of the best books on the economic background of international relations and the world peace.

The Nemesis of American Business—Stuart Chase, Macmillan, $2.00.

An admirable, critical analysis of modern economic problems with some suggestions as to the way out.

The Problem of Unemployment—P. H. Douglas and A. Director, Macmillan, $3.50.

Probably the best survey of unemployment in its world setting.

The Acquisitive Society—Tawney, Harcourt-Brace, $2.00.

This scholarly little book was written some years ago but always comes to mind when one is thinking of books on economic problems.

Economics for the General Reader—Clay, Macmillan, $1.50.

Probably the best introduction to the study of economics.

Our Economic Morality—Ward, Macmillan, $2.50.

Professor Ward's most challenging book. A consideration of our economic order from the standpoint of Jesus.

America's Way Out—Thomas, Macmillan, $2.50.

This book, written by the leading socialist in the U.S., has some suggestions for us in Canada.

National Staff—Fall Itineraries

Dr. E. M. Best	Montreal, Ontario and Winnipeg.
R. E. G. Davis	Northern Ontario and the Prairie Provinces.
H. Ballantyne	Sydney, Glace Bay and Prairie Provinces.
E. D. Otter	Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland and Lethbridge.
W. R. Cook	Quebec and Ontario.
J. H. Geldart	Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ontario.
A. S. McAlister	Algoma District, Eastern and Western Lines.

They talk about the gold standard. Some want the silver standard. But what this old earth needs most today is the character standard.—J. W. F. Davies.

In the sudden passing of Mr. Norman Slater on August 17th, the Hamilton Association lost one of its strongest and most devoted laymen, and the National Council an outstanding leader who was known and respected widely throughout the Canadian Movement. Mr. Slater was born in Hamilton fifty-five years ago, and became connected with the Y.M.C.A at an early age. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for thirty years, and twice recently as its chairman. He was also a member of the National Council for many years, and held the office of Vice-President at the time of his death. He was one of the prominent Canadian laymen at the International Convention in Cleveland last summer.

The following resolution was adopted by the General Executive Committee of the National Council:

"The Executive Committee of the National Council realizes a sense of deep sorrow at the loss which has been sustained by the Council in the sudden death of Mr. Norman Slater of Hamilton and desires to place on record on behalf of the Council its appreciation of and gratitude for his splendid interest and services to the Young Men's Christian Association in Canada, which will ever remain an inspiration to all who knew him."